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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: C. AKAMATSU et al. 4/Pre B
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For: METHOD OF USING AV DEVICES AND AV DEVICE
SYSTEM
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 6, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, and further to the preliminary amendment of
December 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

No additional claim fee is due in connection with the filing of the present
second preliminary amendment.

According to the Technology Center 2600 receptionist, as of the filing
date of the present second preliminary amendment, the status of the present
application is docketed new case--ready for examination, and the present
application has been in the Technology Center 2600 central files overflow since
September 5, 2002. Accordingly, the present second preliminary amendment is